(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Rohini Residential Scheme of DDA

*388. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rohini Residential Scheme, 1981 of DDA envisaged allotment of 90 sq.mt. plots in MIG category;

(b) if so, the number of 90 sq.mt. plots allotted and date of last allotment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that later on, an option was given to applicants to opt for 60 sq. mt. plots for early allotments;

(d) if so, whether any 90 sq.mt. plots were allotted after calling the options; and

(e) if not, the purpose of calling options if all plots of only of 60 sq.mt. were to be allotted and the reasons for disturbing priority list by making out of turn allotment?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has stated that the Rohini Residential Scheme, launched in 1981, envisaged allotment of 90 sq.mt. & 60 sq. mt. plots in MIG category. The registrants were allowed to exercise their options for the size of the plots in order of their preference for 90/60 sq. mt.

(b) Under the Scheme, 4063 plots of 90 sq. mtrs. have been allotted. The date for last allotment is 29.3.1996.

(c) to (e) The DDA has informed that no option was given to the applicants for 60 sq. mt. plots. However, due to paucity of land, a decision was taken and published in newspapers on 1.11.1999, to restrict the size of plots to 60 sq. mt. for the registrants of MIG category, irrespective of their option for 90 sq. mt. plots at the time of registration. Thus after 1.11.1999, 90 sq. mt. plots have not been allotted. A common priority list was prepared for MIG category, which included both 90 sq. mt. & 60 sq. mt. applicants. The waiting registrants of 90 sq. mt. plots under MIG category, who could not be allotted plosts due to non-availability of 90 sq. mt. plots, were therefore, considered first for allotment of 60 sq. mtr.

plots based on their seniority in the common priority list. Thus, the priority list was not disturbed.

Development of Maritime Industry

*389. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed by Government to ensure that various hurdles are not put by the Mercantile Marine Department in discharging their duties;

(b) what specific objection Government have if Indian boat ship owners get their surveys done abroad at recognized shipyards;

(c) to what extent is the MMD harming the entrepreneurs; and

(d) the steps proposed to bring about reforms in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING , ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) With a view to ensuring efficiency and transparency of work and to enable the Mercantile Marine Department to play a facilitative role within the framework of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, the following steps have been taken by the Government:

(i) A Citizen Charter providing the details of various functions and target periods within which various services are to be rendered to the shipping industry without causing any inconvenience and delay has been made available at all Mercantile Marine Departments and on the website of Directorate General of Shipping.

(ii) A number of surveys and inspections have been assigned to recognized classification societies *vide* this Department's notification published in the Gazette of India-Extraordinary S.O. No. 640 (E) Dated 27th May, 2004.

(iii) A redressal mechanism has been set up to look into the genuine complaints of the shipping industry. The Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 has provisions for appeals by shipping compaines against unsatisfactory surveys and inspections. Such appeals can be made in the Indian ports as well as abroad.